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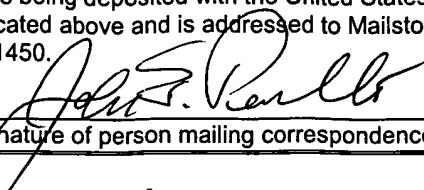
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RESPONSE FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the response and remarks in response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and authorization to charge our deposit account the appropriate fees are included with this filing.

Remarks appear on page 2 of this paper.